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Gregory F Lawler* (lawler@math.uchicago.edu), Department of Mathematics, University of Chicago, 5734 University Ave., Chicago, IL 60637-1546. *Fractal properties of the Schramm-Loewner evolution.*

In his book *Fractal Geometry of Nature*, Benoit Mandelbrot observed that the outer boundary of random walks looked very similar to self-avoiding random walks. This was one of the first observations of a beautiful phenomenon that occurs in certain two-dimensional systems. The mathematical object in the continuum limit, which was discovered later, is now known as the Schramm-Loewner evolution (SLE). Many nontrivial facts about the fractal and multifractal behavior of these random curves can be proved. I will give a survey of these results. (Received September 08, 2011)